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> RE: Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project –Section 106 Programmatic Agreement

Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is transmitting for your signature the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project.

This Programmatic agreement is the result of an extensive consultation process with relevant stakeholders, and includes the City and County of Honolulu, the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the National Park Service (NPS) and FTA as signatories to the agreement.

Please note that subsequent to the release of the Draft environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project, the alignment was altered to avoid encroachment into the center portion of the runway protection zone of Runway 22L/4R at the Honolulu International Airport. The alignment would transition from Aolele Street to Ualena Street between Ohohia Street and Keehi Lagoon Beach Park.

Currently, FTA has amended the Area of Potential Effects (APE) to reflect this new design option. FTA has also determined that there are no historic resources eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places within the revised APE. Because no eligible resources are present within the revised APE, the project would have no effect on historic properties within this new area, and the design option would not change the adverse effect determination for the overall project.

Pursuant to Stipulation XIII.B of the Programmatic Agreement, "Project Modifications", FTA will undertake necessary consultation and assessment of impacts and required mitigation to meet the requirements of the Programmatic Agreement.

Please sign the attached Programmatic Agreement and return to my office as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator